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I send greetings to those celebrating Space Day 2004. Congratulations to the 2004 Astronaut Class.

America was built on the desire to open new frontiers and seek new discoveries. Our risk-takers and visionaries have expanded our body of knowledge, revolutionized our understanding of the universe, and produced technological advances that have benefited all of humanity. In this same spirit of discovery, I announced in January a new vision for our space program that focuses NASA on future exploration.

The annual Space Day celebration contributes to this vision by creating excitement among young people for learning. Space Day Foundation programs support math, science, technology, and engineering education, helping to prepare our next generation for future space exploration. I applaud this year's Space Day participants for your commitment to building our knowledge and understanding of our world. Your efforts reflect America's spirit of discovery and innovation.

Laura joins me in sending our best wishes.